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FOLLOWING TEL SENT ACTION SECSTATE FROM BRASILIA MAY 3:

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L BRASILIA 3526

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TAGS: OVIP (MRS. CARTER)

SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT BY MRS. CARTER

REF: STATE 099537

1. AS THE DEPARTMENT KNOWS FROM EARLIER TELECONS, THE DCM
TOOK UP MRS. CARTER'S VISIT WITH PROTOCOL OF THE FOREIGN
MINISTRY AT 3:15 P.M. (2:15 P.M. WASHINGTON TIME). I DISCUSSED
IT IN MY OWN MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA AT 5:00 P.M.

2. SILVEIRA HAD JUST RETURNED FROM A MEETING WITH
PRESIDENT GEISEL AND, ALTHOUGH HE PROFESSED NOT TO HAVE BEEN
BRIEFED YET BY PROTOCOL, IT SEEMED RATHER CLEAR THAT, AS WOULD
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BE NORMAL, HE HAD ALREADY BEEN INFORMED OF THE DCM'S PRESENTATION.
I ALSO IMAGINE THAT THE MATTER WAS DISCUSSED WITH THE PRESIDENT.
IN ANY EVENT, WHEN I WAS GOING OVER THE CONTENT OF PARA 2 OF
REFTEL WITH HIM, HE INTERRUPTED TO SAY:
"FINE, FINE. WE WOULD BE VERY PLEASED." HE WENT ON TO
SAY THAT THE DATES PRESENTED SOME DIFFICULTY BECAUSE THERE HAD
BEEN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE URUGUAYAN GOVERNMENT ABOUT A POSSIBLE

VISIT BY THE URUGUAYAN PRESIDENT PRECISELY ON JUNE 6 AND 7. HE ADDED QUICKLY THAT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO ADJUST DATES; HE WONDERED ALOUD THAT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO HAVE MRS. CARTER REVERSE THE ORDER OF HER STOPS IN BRAZIL, GOING TO RECIFE FIRST AND THEN COMING TO BRASILIA. I SAID THAT I THOUGHT THAT THAT WAS AN INTERESTING POSSIBILITY. SOLVEIRA SAID THAT HE WOULD LET ME KNOW QUICKLY ABOUT THE DATES.

3. I TOLD SILVEIRA THAT, JUST BEFORE I LEFT THE EMBASSY, I HAD LEARNED FROM WASHINGTON THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD ANNOUNCED IN A PRESS CONFERENCE THAT MRS. CARTER WOULD BE MAKING A SUBSTANTIVE VISIT TO LATIN AMERICA IN THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF JUNE. I SAID THAT NO COUNTRIES HAD BEEN MENTIONED. SILVEIRA NODDED AND MADE NO COMMENT.

4. AS I LEFT, SILVEIRA REPATED THAT THE VISIT WAS FINE AND THAT HE WOULD BE IN TOUCH ON THE DATES. PENDING CONFIRMATION OF THE DATES, WHICH SHOULD COME TOMORROW, I RECOMMEND, HOWEVER, THAT WE AVOID REFERENCES TO THE BOG'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE VISIT. ALTHOUGH I CONSIDER SILVEIRA'S STATEMENTS QUITE DEFINITIVE, I WANT TO BE SURE EVERYTHING IS TOTALLY PINNED DOWN, WHICH WILL BE THE CASE WHEN THE DATES ARE CLARIFIED. CRIMMINS UNQUOTE VANCE

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